

<i>Name of the High Court</i>		<i>Total No. of writ petitions filed under Article 226 &amp; 227 of the Constitution during the last 3 years (1989-1991)</i>
Calcutta	-	52774
Delhi	-	15259
Gauhati	-	14187
Gujarat	-	27437
Himachal Pradesh	-	2256
Karnataka	-	79588
Kerala	-	36404
Orissa	-	6860
Paina	-	36184
Punjab & Haryana High Court	-	61185
Sikkim	-	58
Madhya Pradesh	-	25608

[English]

**Import of Rubber**

6088. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and quality of rubber imported during each of the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to ensure that such imported rubber is of the same quality as the natural rubber available in the country;

(c) whether the imported rubber is not a fit substitute of natural rubber available in the

country;

(d) if so, to what use such rubber is put to;

(e) whether the Government propose to restrict such imports, and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The quantity and quality of rubber imported by STC during the last three years was as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>RSS-3</i>	<i>SMR-20</i>	<i>Total</i>
1988-89	32,771	18,592	51,363
1989-90	24,049	2,500	26,549
1990-91	25,699	6,000	31,699

STC has not imported any quantity of Rubber during the year 1991-92

(b) The pre-shipment inspection for quality and weightment is carried out by the internationally reputed independent surveyors nominated by the STC to ensure the quality. The imported rubber is of the same quality as that available in the country.

(c) Imported rubber is a fit substitute for natural rubber available in the country.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). No import of rubber was allowed during 1991-92. Decisions for import to meet domestic requirements will have to be based on demand-supply position from year to year. There is no intention to restrict imports for export production.

#### **Recovery of Bank Dues from Untraceable small Units**

6089. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:  
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Economic Survey has brought out that there are 1.25 lakh small units which are non-existent and untraceable and these units own Rs. 20 crores to the banks;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to

trace these missing units to recover the bank dues from them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure that such situations do not arise in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. This is based on data as at the end of March, 1990 compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from half-yearly returns submitted by commercial banks in respect of sick SSI and non-SSI industrial units. The data also includes units in the tiny and decentralised sectors as well as those assisted under Special schemes like the Scheme for providing Self Employment of Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) and the Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SETUP). There are various reasons for the reporting of such units which reflect the closure of business operations or the non-traceability of individuals assisted under Special Schemes, among other factors.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. However, banks recover their dues from such non-traceable non-existent units or units which have no tangible assets left by filing claims with the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) in respect of units covered under the DICGC Scheme.

(e) Proper credit appraisal, close moni-